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SUBJECT: SWAZILAND ARMS PURCHASE ATTEMPTED

Classified By: AMB. MAURICE PARKER FOR REASONS 1.4 (b) AND (d)

1. (S) SUMMARY: In December 2008, the GKOS sought to purchase approximately 60 million USD worth of military equipment, including helicopters,
2. (S) In December 2008, the GKOS sought to purchase approximately 60 million USD worth of military equipment from British weapons manufacture
3. (S) The purchase application, signed by XXXXXXXXXXXX, included requests for 3 Bell Model UH-1H helicopters, FN Herstal 7.6251mm Minimi light
4. (S) COMMENT: Post is disappointed that XXXXXXXXXXXX did not disclose anything about this request to Ambassador Parker or DATT Langdorf in c
5. (S) The array of weapons requested would not be needed for the first phases of peacekeeping, although it is possible someone tried to convi
6. (S) We are not aware of subsequent purchase requests. XXXXXXXXXXXX
7. (S) Please protect information on the identity of the British weapons manufacturer. The British contact providing documentation for this pu  
PARKER